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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7374

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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STATE FOR AF/S

AID FOR SER/MO/TR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, OTRA, SF

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS FOR AID PERSONNEL

REF: MBABANE 1892

1. EMBASSY SUPPORTS MBABANE'S REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT/AID MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN MULTIPLE ENTRY SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS FOR AID PERSONNEL COMING TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. MULTIPLE ENTRY TRANSIT VISAS ARE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE FOR BOTH TDY PERSONNEL AND AID PERSONNEL POSTED TO BLS COUNTRIES.

2. RECENT AID ARRIVALS IN MASERU WITH MULTIPLE ENTRY TRANSIT VISAS ARE UNABLE TO SHOP IN NEARBY BORDER TOWNS. BEING ABLE TO CROSS THE BORDER TO SHOP IS A NECESSITY FOR CERTAIN ITEMS AND THE INABILITY TO PURCHASE THESE ITEMS IS A SERIOUS MORALE PROBLEM.

3. AN UNCONSCIONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT IS BEING SPENT
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BY BOTH EMBASSY MASERU AND CONSULAR SECTION OF EMBASSY PRETORIA IN ARRANGING SPECIAL PERMISSION AND NEW VISAS, VIRTUALLY ALWAYS IN EMERGENCY AND LAST MINUTE SITUATIONS.

4. THE INABILITY OF RSA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ISSUE NORMAL MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE SINCE THIS TYPE OF VISA IS EASILY OBTAINABLE ONCE THE AID PERSONNEL APPLY THROUGH

EMBASSY PRETORIA.

5. POST URGES THAT DEPARTMENT/AID DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
OBTAIN MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR AID PERSONNEL. IF THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE, POST SUPPORTS MBABANE'S REQUEST THAT AID PERSONNEL
BE SCHEDULED FOR A PRETORIA STOP-OVER TO MAKE APPROPRIATE VISA
ARRANGEMENTS.STOKES

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